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NSC review completed.

FROM: Interagency Group

SUBJECT: Possibility of US-USSR Grain Agreement

The representatives from State, Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, USTR, CIA and NSC met at Treasury to consider the timing of any announcement and the scenario for consultations with the allies if a decision is ultimately made to extend in any way the US-USSR Grain Agreement.

The conclusions of the group were:

1. The grain agreement is sufficiently connected with East-West economic issues in general (including sanctions) that no decision on the agreement should be taken until (a) the U.S. Government has had an opportunity to analyze any measures that the Poles announce on July 22, the Polish National Day, and (b) the U.S. Government consults with the allies as to what the reaction to the sanctions should be, i.e., to what extent, if any, do the measures warrant relaxation of sanctions.

2. Consultations with the allies will most probably be at NATO on Monday, July 26. Therefore, a decision on the agreement should not be taken before the end of July.

3. The need for consultations with the allies will to some degree be affected by the extent to which Polish actions call for a relaxation of some sanctions. If Polish action is minimal and the U.S. Government eventually decides on extension of agreement, from a foreign policy point of view we would want to delay the announcement, but from a domestic standpoint the delay should be as short as possible. Before any announcement, or before any approach to the Soviets, the NATO countries and Japan, Australia and New Zealand need to be informed.

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